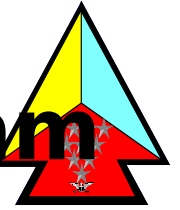




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# Battle Command Training Program



## Implementing the Contemporary Operational Environment

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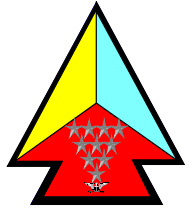
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# Agenda



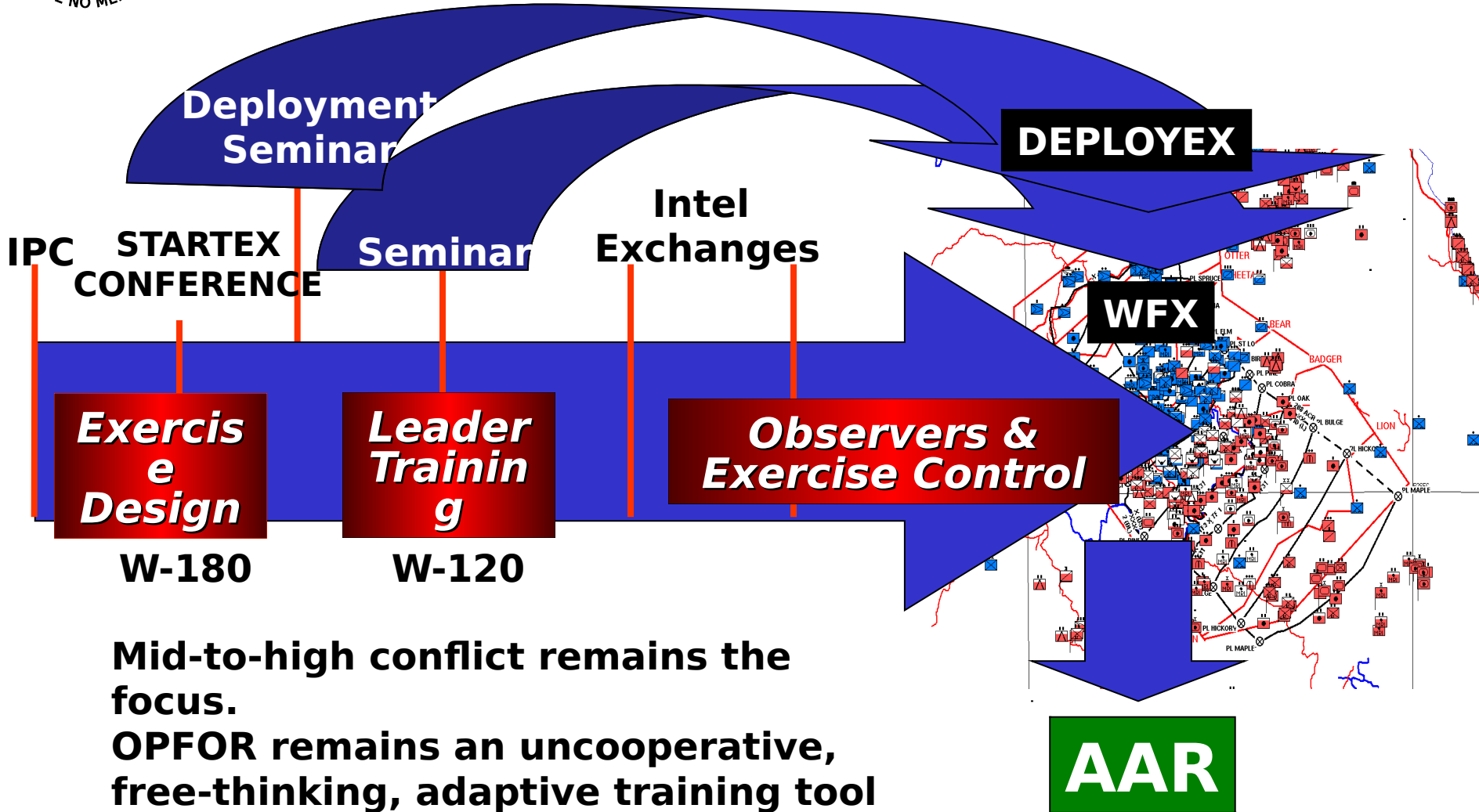
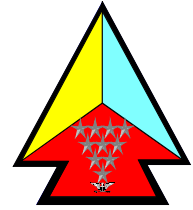
- BCTP and similarities across CTCs
- Impact of COE across BCTP
- Methodology & lessons learned implementing COE
- Assessment

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# The WFX Paradigm



**Mid-to-high conflict remains the focus.**

**OPFOR remains an uncooperative, free-thinking, adaptive training tool**

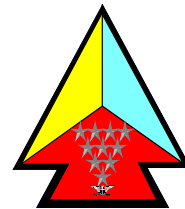
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# BCTP Exercise Standards



- **“BCTP must engage all battlefield operating systems, encompass the entire battlespace, and simultaneously address asymmetric threats.”**

- **Train to standard.**
- **Full BCTP coverage.**
- **Doctrine based AAR that guides leaders to accept responsibility.**
- **Stress of all BOS in decisive ground combat operations.**
- **Free thinking OPFOR with an equal chance to win.**
- **A tactical scenario where the outcome is not assured.**
- **The consequences of tactical decisions are fully played out.**
- **“Restart” to underscore our adherence to standards**

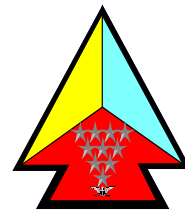


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# BCTP Mission

**BCTP supports realistic, stressful training and leader development for ASCC/ARFOR, Corps, Divisions, Brigade Commanders, and supports Army components participating in joint exercises, to assist the CSA in fulfilling his obligation to provide trained and ready units to win decisively on the modern battlefield and to conduct contingency operations worldwide.**

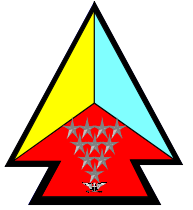


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# The OPFOR

THE WAY IT WAS / THE WAY IT IS

**FM 71-123**



**FM 100-63**  
**CAPABILITIES-BASED**  
**OPFOR**

**COE**



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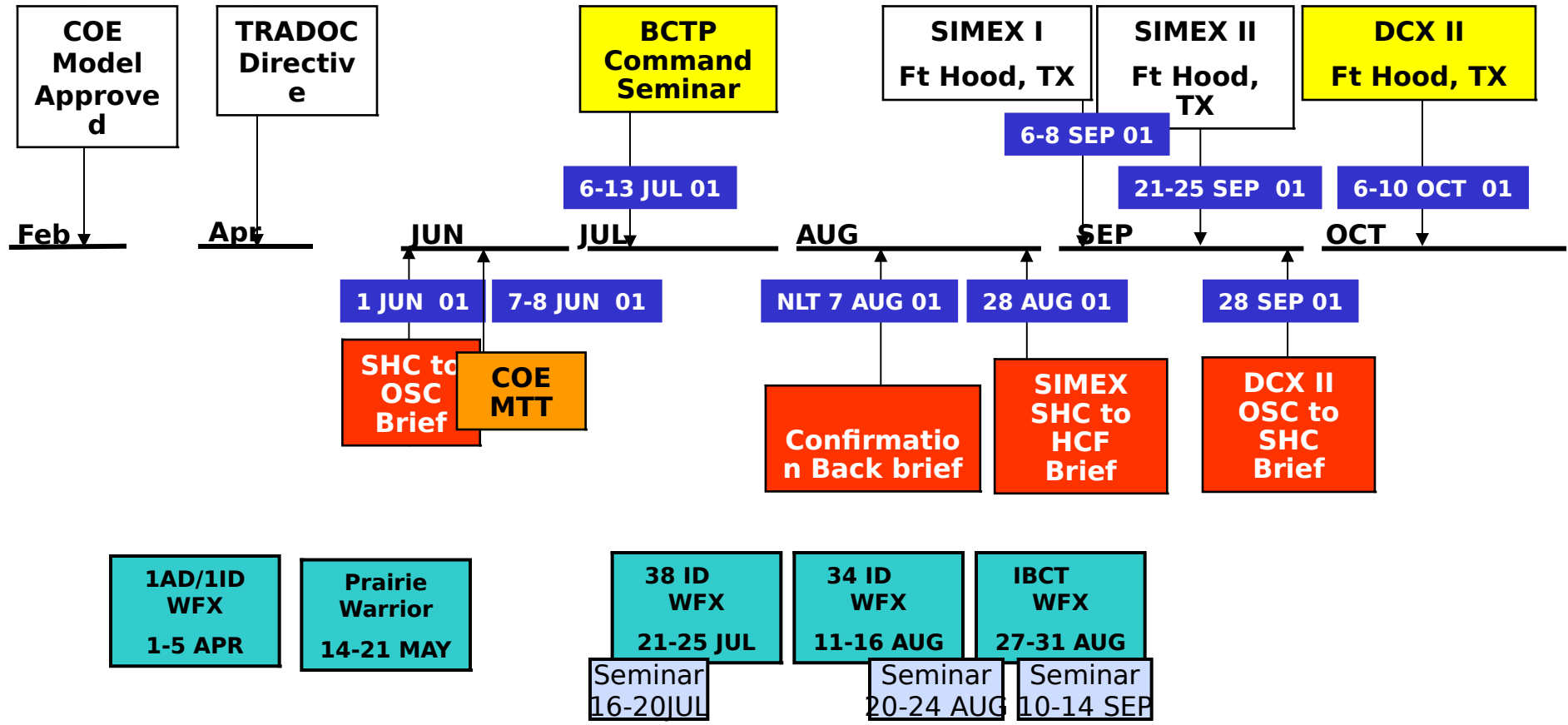
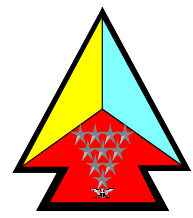
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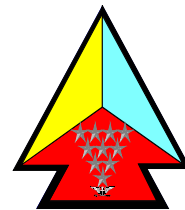
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# COE and the BCTP WFX



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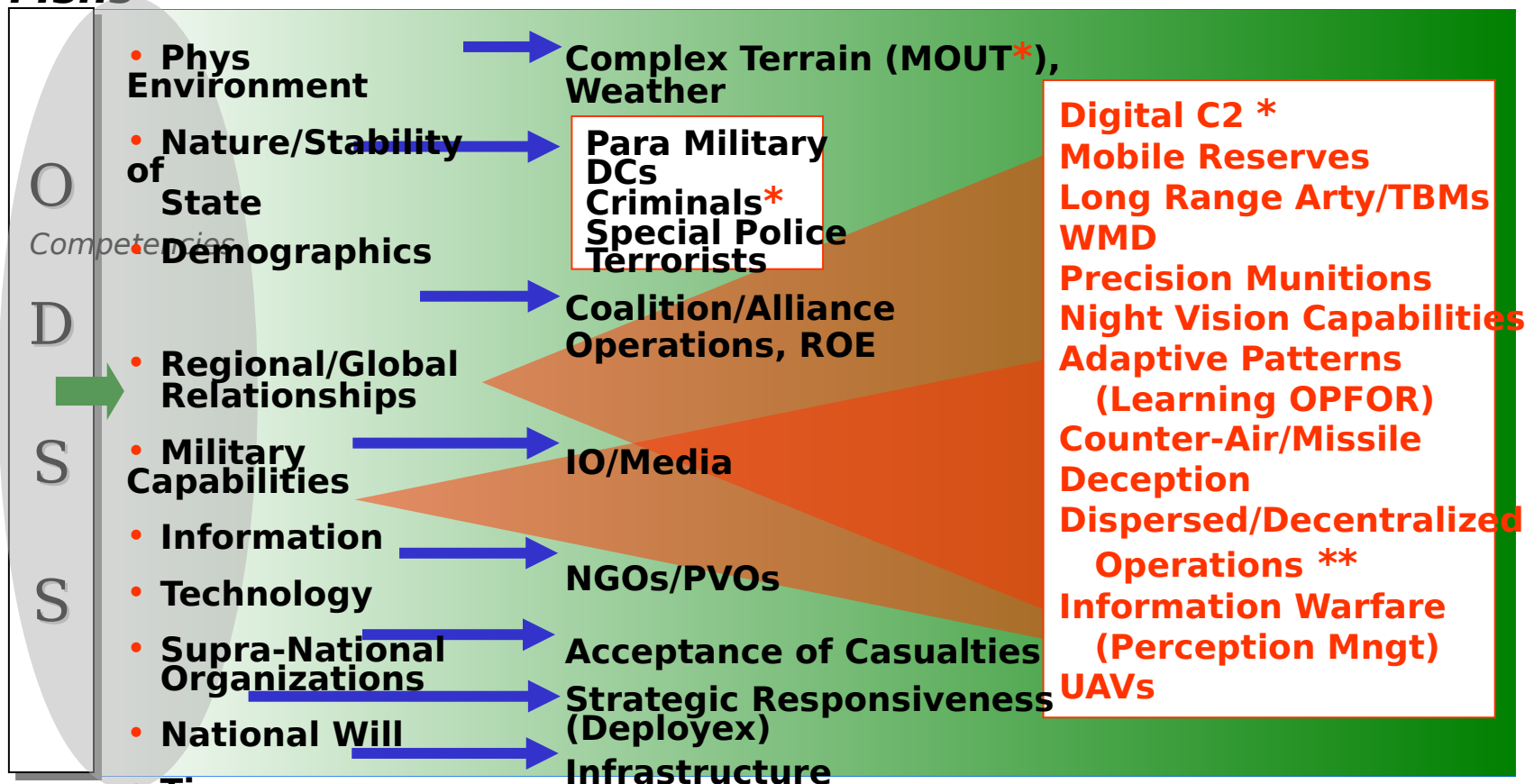
**Variables**



**WFX Environment**



**OPFOR Capabilities \*\*\***



- \* Currently not executed in BCTP Corps / Div WFXs
- \*\* Scenario dependent
- \*\*\* All discussed at Deployment and Warfighter Seminars

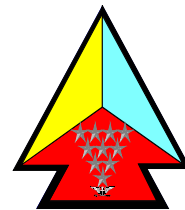
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# Transforming the WCOPFOR



## To Date:

- ✓ Developed initial COE database from which to task organize
- ✓ MTT for military & civilian contractors (Jun 01)
- ✓ Changing mindset from attrition warfare to Cbt systemology
- ✓ Updated briefings/workshops for command seminars
- ✓ Modified OPFOR orders format
- ✓ CBS training

### OPFOR FOCUS

- ✓ Destroy Key Systems
- ✓ Eliminate Resolve
- ✓ Render Enemy Combat Power Irrelevant
- ✓ Preserve Own Combat Power

## Pending:

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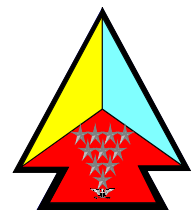


Interim OR IOT extend number of OPFOR capabilities

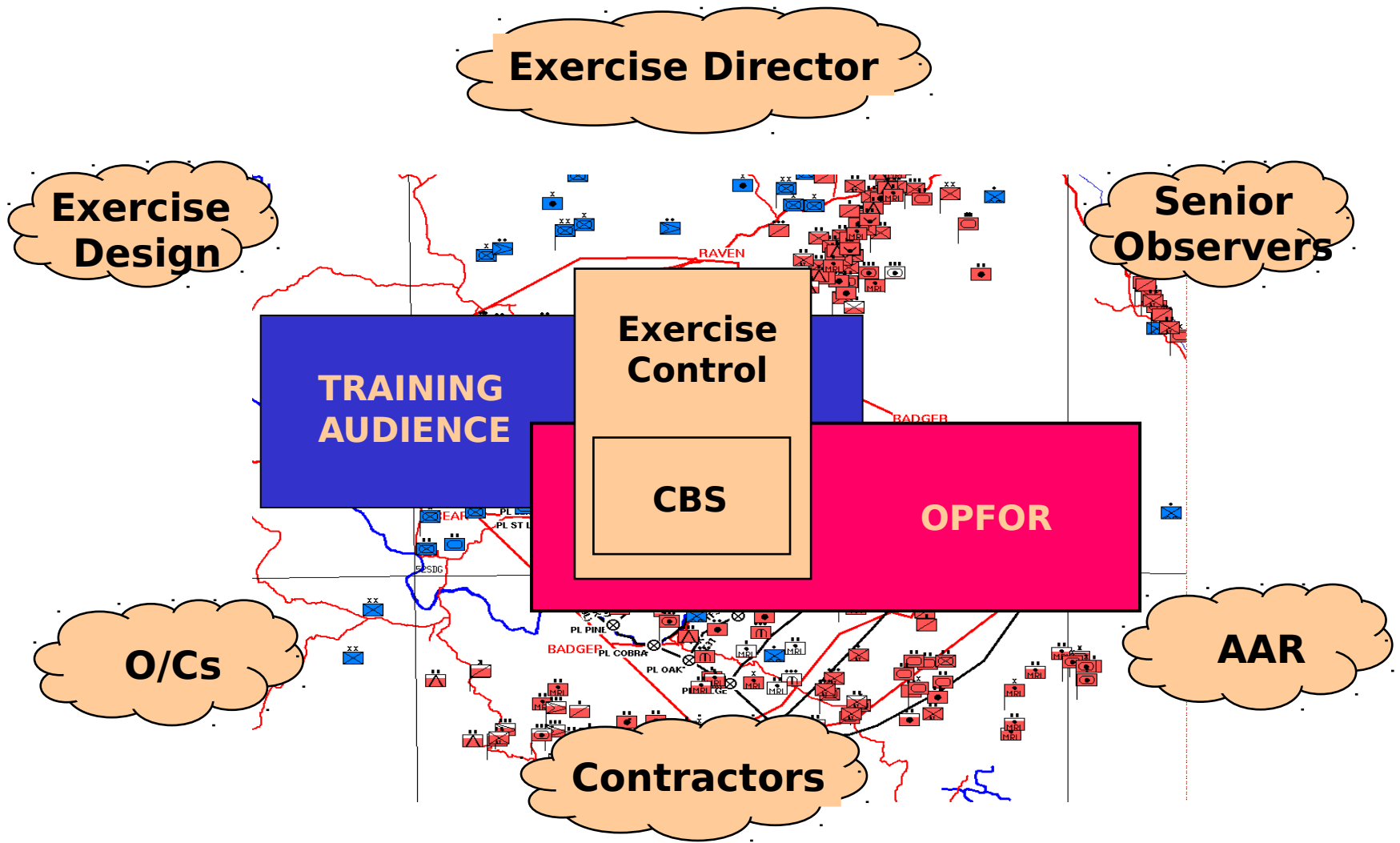
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# COE Impacts



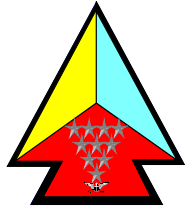
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# Transforming Exercise Design



## To Date:

- ✓ Design complex terrain & real weather into WFXs
- ✓ Build political, governmental and NGO environment
- ✓ OPFOR on defense, but with the capability to conduct “strike operations”

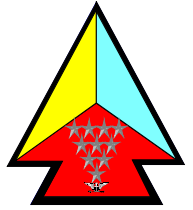
## Pending:

- Common scenario





# Transforming Exercise Control



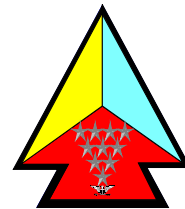
## To Date:

- ✓ EXCON was part of CBS working group
- ✓ Briefed SROs in May 01
- ✓ Provided EXCON & OPFOR to assist HHQ orders development
- ✓ O/Cs knowledge through reading doctrine & cmd seminars

## Pending:

- Changing mindset of key decision makers

**Changing  
the Mindset**



# Transforming CBS

## To Date:

- ✓ Established working group for 4 months to better:
  - ☐ Approximate affects of complex terrain
  - ☐ Increase impact of small unit actions
  - ☐ Approximate affects of weather
  - ☐ Align with doctrinal changes (FM 7-100 series)
  - ☐ Modify BCTP procedures
- ✓ Tested changes prior to implementing

## Pending:

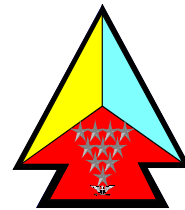
- Continued refinement of CBS parameters & rules



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# WCOPFOR

## Impressions of the COE



- An OPFOR that fights with the aim of maintaining and expanding its regional dominance fundamentally changes the way that the OPFOR fights.
  - ✓ Tends to adopt more defensive posture; attacks on terms of own choosing
  - ✓ Applies combat systemology & exploits sanctuaries
  - ✓ Husbands forces
- The OPFOR has changed weapon systems and capabilities. COE permits the OPFOR to task

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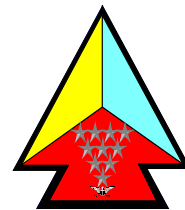
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# WCOPFOR

## Impressions of the COE



- An environment with complex terrain adds new variables which can not be neglected. Complex terrain affects: concealment, survivability, & trafficability.
- Non-echeloned, dispersed enemy with built in asymmetries and the other “complicators” found on the modern battlefield are presenting new challenges to the training audience.
- OPFOR component is the easiest to replicate.

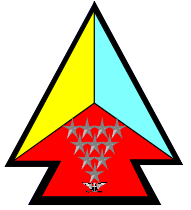
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# Assessment



**“COE is in the mind  
of the beholder”**

## **LEVELS OFFOCUS**

- ✓ **Strategic**
- ✓ **Operational**
- ✓ **Tactical**

